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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Administration

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SUBJECT : CIA Position on Joint SAFE/ADISS Project Office

REFERENCE : ODP memo to A/DDA dtd 19 July 77, subject: SAFE/ADISS Joint Project Office (ODP 1424-77)

STATINTL

1. We have now received the DIA revision of the Joint SAFE/ADISS Project Office plan I referred to in the reference and we are trying to resolve the differences that still exist with DIA. Unfortunately, nothing is being done to reach agreement in CIA on what we would like to see in the Joint Project Office and where we think it should reside organizationally in CIA. The Chairman of the joint panel that drafted the original plan, [redacted] is on leave. [redacted] ODP, is attempting to keep the dialogue going with DIA because there is no one else to do it. Dr. Stevens has had a copy of the first draft for over a week, without comment. I do not know where you and Jack might stand on the issue of transferring SAFE project responsibility and people to the DDI, as proposed in the plan. And - most important - time is running out. STATINTL

2. I believe we need to get responsible people from CIA together, review the plan, resolve any internal CIA issues, and give our representatives guidance on what the CIA will accept in the Joint Project Office. Stevens is the self-appointed Chairman of the SAFE Steering Committee (consisting of the DDA, DDS&T, and Comptroller) which probably is the best-suited mechanism for addressing this problem. I recommend that we propose to Stevens (by phone or correspondence) that the SAFE Steering Committee be convened as soon as possible to consider the draft plan for a Joint Project Office and to resolve any internal CIA issues related thereto.

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